



## Outer East Area Committee

Swarcliffe & Stanks Forum  
and PACT meetingMinutes from the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013

Held at Swarcliffe Working Men's Club

**Present:**

Cllr Debra Coupar (Chair), Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Peter Gruen, PC 5259 John Horne (WYP), John Nicholson (resident), Sandra & James Murfin (residents), Jean Jackson (resident), Jean Hagan (resident), Sue Harvey (resident), Deeta Tren Humphries (LCC Youth Service) Siddiga Austin (resident), Paul Nicholson (resident), Jeremy Lunn (LCC Housing), Rita Grainger (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours), Doreen Scahill (Swarcliffe Good Neighbours), Nathan Vaughn (Environmental Action Team), Rita Grainger (SGNS Vol), Doreen Scahill (SGNS Vol), Lynn Towler (LCC Libraries), Mark Nicholson (leaseholder), Mark Bavister (YHL), Eric Vary (resident), Dave Purdy (LCC) Nicola Heffron (ASB) Nina Pungi (ASB) Pete Mudge (AST minutes).

**Apologies:** Ken Hill, Coullin Meikle

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PACT meeting – West Yorkshire Police</b>	
1.1	Contact points for your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are: <b>Tel:</b> 0113 285 5335 <b>Email:</b> banpt.cwt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk <b>Website:</b> www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt (then navigate via the map or add your postcode to the box)	
1.2	PC John Horne said: In the last six weeks ASB has gone down by 26 (66 to 40) which in part is due to children being back at school. This is also because of two Police operations: Operation Optimal predicts where crimes are likely to take place and allocates officers accordingly. Operation Premium lets officers patrol an area following a crime in order to reassure people and gather information.	
1.3	<b>Question)</b> Traders said the cctv cameras covering Stanks Parade have been working since January 2013 however there is a major problem of children around the shops causing nuisance to residents and racket with scooters. One trader said her son was punched during one fracas. <b>Agreed)</b> Deeta said she will be happy to liaise with children she comes in contact with to help remove the problem. Cllr Coupar said problems at Stanks Parade were discussed at the Tasking meeting and priority work will be undertaken to address the issue.	Cllr C, PC H, JL, NV. DTH, PM
1.4	<b>Q)</b> A motorbike is racing around Swarcliffe making a lot of noise <b>A)</b> Police have details of the bike and will investigate	PC H
1.5	<b>Q)</b> A breakdown wagon is routinely parking in Whinmoor Way and taking up three parking spaces throughout the night and weekends. <b>A)</b> Police will investigate.	PC H

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions to Forum Meeting</b>	
2.1	Cllr Coupar welcomed everyone and each introduced themselves.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters arising from 4 July 2013</b>	
3.1	The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising which are not covered in the agenda.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Activities for young people</b>	
4.1	Deeta said the Youth Service restructure is progressing and Glen O'Malley has been appointed Team Leader for the Outer South/Outer East.	
4.2	In the last quarter Youth Service has <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered 45 sessions attended by 996 young people.</li> <li>• Kept groups going whilst investigating government's national citizen scheme.</li> <li>• Helped prepare a summer gala for Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Young people are assisting with the event and will be distributing leaflets. Any groups wanting a table should contact Deeta.</li> </ul>	
4.3	The 2013 Junior Cricket Week was funded by Area Committee and held at Whitkirk Cricket Club. Forum members welcomed Yorkshire Cricket Board's future proposals for funded events.	
4.4	The Children and Young People's Sub Committee has held its first meeting. Area Committee appointed Cllr Coupar as Chair and the Sub Committee will bring together those working with young people in the Outer East. There is a dedicated budget and the Sub Committee will ensure young people have a say over spend. Young people can decide if they wish to attend meetings or meet separately. Those involved in arranging Swarcliffe gala will be asked if they wish to form part of this team.	
4.5	Funding is available and applications are now requested for youth activities.	JN/PM
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme – Rita Grainger</b>	
5.1	The Older Persons Event week held at St Gregory's went very well.	
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group's weekly activities are well attended and include the recently launched Knit and Natter and a fundraising group.</li> <li>• The gardening scheme for the elderly is nearing the end of its season and will be replaced throughout the winter with home decorating.</li> <li>• SGNS is considering taking Knit and Natter to local schools.</li> </ul>	KH/RG
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Housing issues in Swarcliffe – Jeremy Lunn</b>	
6.1	All the former Almos are now back with Leeds City Council and together form Leeds Housing.	

6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verifying tenancies is continuing with 738 confirmed. However the team has been unable to gain access to 580 homes. They will repeat visit until they get access and verify the tenant.</li> <li>13 voids – noticeable that more 3 bedroom homes are being vacated due to the bedroom tax.</li> <li>Every gas service has been checked for health and safety.</li> <li>Rent collections are going in the right direction with more collected.</li> </ul>	JL  JL
6.3	<p>A comprehensive action plan is being developed for environmental projects and ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staging Post –add a wild flower meadow while the site is unoccupied.</li> <li>Benches for the elderly people’s home.</li> <li>Bins and better storage for wheelie bins at named locations.</li> <li>More ginnel clearing.</li> <li>A garden equipment loan scheme.</li> <li>Work on ginnels at the back of Swarcliffe Bank.</li> </ul>	JL/NV
6.4	Swarcliffe’s Operation Champion in July 2013 resolved a lot of issues. Jeremy handed out summaries of this event.	Cllr G
6.5	<p><b>Q)</b> If Operation Champions were promoted in advance more people would attend to raise issues.</p> <p><b>A)</b> The main aim of Champions is to catch people breaking the law. To promote this in advance would be counter-productive.</p> <p>If people wish to raise issues with the police outside the forums perhaps councillors could invite Police to their surgeries?</p>	Cllrs
6.6	Cllr Gruen said the ultimate ambition for the Squinting Cat is to provide housing for the elderly.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Environmental Update – Nathan Vaughn</b>	
7.1	A lot of prosecutions are underway including:	
7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter in a garden in the Braytons</li> <li>Flytipping in Stanks Drive, Whimoor Way, Sherburn Approach and Mill Green</li> <li>Non-payment of litter clearing at Langbar.</li> </ul> <p>An environmental scheme is being planned to raise the flower beds on Sherburn Rd, Farndale, Stanks Parade and Brayton Green.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> Could Housing’s contract with Community Payback be used to help Nathan with some projects?</p> <p><b>A)</b> Jeremy is happy to arrange this with Nathan.</p> <p><b>Q)</b> There are two overhanging branches on Stanks Approach which need removing</p> <p><b>A)</b> Nathan and Jeremy will get this dealt with.</p> <p>Nathan Vaughn can be contacted via 07891 279500 and email: <a href="mailto:nathan.vaughn@leeds.gov.uk">nathan.vaughn@leeds.gov.uk</a></p>	NV  NV  NV/JL  NV/JL
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Parking Issues – Dave Purdy</b>	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LCC Highways is opening Penwell Drive and Penwell Gate to provide curtilage parking. It is understood this work will start soon.</li> </ul>	

8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Penwells is being tarmacked and drains will also be done.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Gruen said the Mill Green Gardens parking scheme has been approved and the contractor is looking for a December start. Trial digs will be undertaken in advance and affected residents will be written to.</p>	
8.3	<p><b>Q)</b> When will development start around Grimes Dyke</p> <p><b>A)</b> Persimmon has won its appeal and is looking to build 364 homes near the Red Lion. Highways matters will be resolved initially.</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Swarcliffe PFI – Mark Bavister</b>	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 voids are being worked on and turnaround averages 0 – 58 days.</li> <li>Customer satisfaction survey showed 99% satisfaction and 99.3% of the 436 completed jobs undertaken at the specified time.</li> <li>4 access projects are underway.</li> </ul>	MB
9.2	<p><b>Q)</b> If, for a perfectly good reason, (hospital etc) a tenant is unable to make his premise available, can PFI enter the property to undertake repairs?</p> <p><b>A)</b> No – the only keys are those owned by the tenant.</p>	
9.3	<p>Cllr Gruen said it is incredible what some tenants do to properties and it is important this is investigated during the annual tenancy visits. If tenants do things outside the tenancy agreement they must be held to account. It should be a case of three strikes and then the Council takes action to enter the premises. In addition to keeping correct records it is vital to gain entry to check on gas, electricity and safety. Strong support for this from those attending including Housing Leeds who appreciated being given tools to do their job.</p>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Mobile Library Service – Lynn Towler</b>	
10.1	A new mobile library is being purchased and this will be available for partnership working with other groups in the area.	LT
<b>11.0</b>	<b>10 Minute Open Floor</b>	
11.1	<p><b>Q)</b> New housing development proposals seem too intensive for Ash Tree Grove, Langbar Tower and Langbar Grange. It will be a further significant loss of green space.</p> <p><b>A)</b> Cllr Gruen said it is vital residents make their views heard in order to protect green spaces: During discussions about an application for 18 new homes a letter was sent to all residents and the scheme was amended. When considered by planners it was still seen as over intensive use and the application was rejected.</p>	
11.2	Cllr Grahame said the Christmas lights switch on is being held on Austhorpe Road on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November and all are welcome. The lights will be switched on by boys and girls from local schools.	All
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting – 6pm, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at Swarcliffe WMC.</b> In future meetings will look to be alternated between the Working Men’s Club and St Gregory’s	All

### Summary of actions

Action	Lead by	Progress	Action closed or open?
Parking issues on Southwood Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To arrange a site visit with Nathan to get first hand experience of the parking chaos</li> </ul>	Cllr Grahame	Action from 30 January 2013	Open
Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFI contract details to be given to Vicky Nunns</li> </ul>	LCC	Action from 30 January 2013	Open
Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of facilities requested by councillors</li> </ul>	Parks & Countryside (VN)	Action from 30 January 2013	Open
Welfare Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutiny Board are to look into the plans</li> </ul>	Cllr Grahame	Action from 30 January 2013	Open
Health Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to pursue GP interest</li> </ul>	Councillors	Action from 10 April 2013	Open
Environmental action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote outcomes from successful cases: Nathan to regularly provide the information to Area Support Team for inclusion with the minutes</li> <li>Investigate footpath issue at rear of Stanks Parade shops</li> </ul>	NV  NV	Actions from 10 April 2013	Open
Mobile Library Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile bus and learning sessions to be promoted in the area at key buildings &amp; events</li> <li>Report back to the next forum on how successful the current</li> </ul>	Lynn Towler	Actions from 4 July 2013	Open

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